

REMARKS

Claims 17-20 are pending. The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections in view of amendments to the claims now presented and the following remarks.

Request for transfer of the CRF of the parent application under 37 CFR 1.821(e)

The Applicants herein officially request the transfer under 37 CFR 1.821(e) of the first and only sequence listing computer readable format (CRF) from the parent case, i.e., U.S. Ser. No. 09/674,617, filed January 3, 2001. The Applicants further state that the paper copy of the sequence listing filed with the instant application is in fact the same as the sequence listing (paper *and* CRF) filed in the parent case and herein confirm that no new matter is contained in the sequence listing filed with the instant application.

Rejections under 35 USC §112, paragraphs 1 and 2

The Applicants now present amended claim 17 to require a *KEX1* nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 encoding carboxypeptidase α , which is isolated from *Hansenula polymorpha* DL1 (ATCC 26012).

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw both rejections.

Rejection under 35 USC §102(b)

Rhee, *et al.*, however, cited by the Examiner is the instant Applicants' very own published application from which priority is claimed. Accordingly, perfection of the instant application for priority as discussed *supra* properly renders this issue moot.

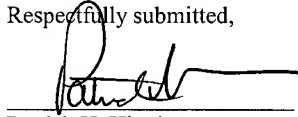
The Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

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For all the foregoing reasons, the Applicants submit that claims 17-20 are in condition for allowance. Early action toward this end is courteously solicited. The Examiner is kindly encouraged to telephone the undersigned in order to expedite any detail of the prosecution.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection herewith to Deposit Account No.13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,



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